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RE: Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1191X)  
Consolidated Rail Corporation -- Abandonment  
Exemption -- in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 710X)  
CSX Transportation, Inc. -- Discontinuance  
Exemption -- in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 552X)  
Norfolk Southern Railway Company -- Discontinuance  
Exemption -- in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is to notify you pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 1152.50(d)(1) that on or after November 15, 2011, Consolidated Rail Corporation ("Conrail"), CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), and Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") intend to file combined Notices of Exemption with the Surface

Transportation Board for abandonment (Conrail) and discontinuance of service (CSXT and NS) of the rail line shown on the enclosed maps, and more fully described below:

Name: Berks Street Industrial Track

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, traversing United States Postal Service Zip Codes 19123, 19122 and 19134.

Description of Track: From approximately milepost 0.00± to approximately milepost 2.98± in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Length of Track: 2.98 total miles±

The Notices of Exemption will be filed pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. 1152.50 regarding abandonment of out-of-service lines of railroad. Because the subject line is out of service and has handled no traffic for the past two years, the abandonment will result in no change in current operations or maintenance. The purpose of the abandonment of Milepost 2.70 to 2.98 is to facilitate (i) the removal of the rail bridge at Milepost 2.92 that is the subject of a pending Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission bridge removal proceeding brought by the City of Philadelphia and (ii) the sale of Milepost 2.70 to 2.92 to a private developer for commercial development. Milepost 0.00 to 2.70 was sold to the City of Philadelphia in 1978. Conrail retained operating rights over the segment but the operating agreement did not impose any obligation on Conrail to provide rail service. There have been no customers served off of this segment for over two years. The only alternative considered is no action.

Based on information in our possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

If you have any questions concerning this proceeding, please contact me.

Very truly yours,



Benjamin C. Dunlap, Jr.

Enclosures

cc: Anne K. Quinlan, Secretary ✓  
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End Milepost 2.98

BERKS STREET I.T.  
LINE CODE 0301

U.G. 2.80

Begin Milepost 2.70

OPERATING RIGHTS AREA

U.G. 2.92

ALLEGHENY AVE

INDIANA AVE

ANTRAK

RICHMOND

TRAFFIC  
REMOVED

Milepost 0.00

ANTICIPATED LINE ABANDONMENT  
BERKS STREET I.T.

..... Anticipated abandonment  
..... Operating rights area

EXHIBIT "A" 1 of 2

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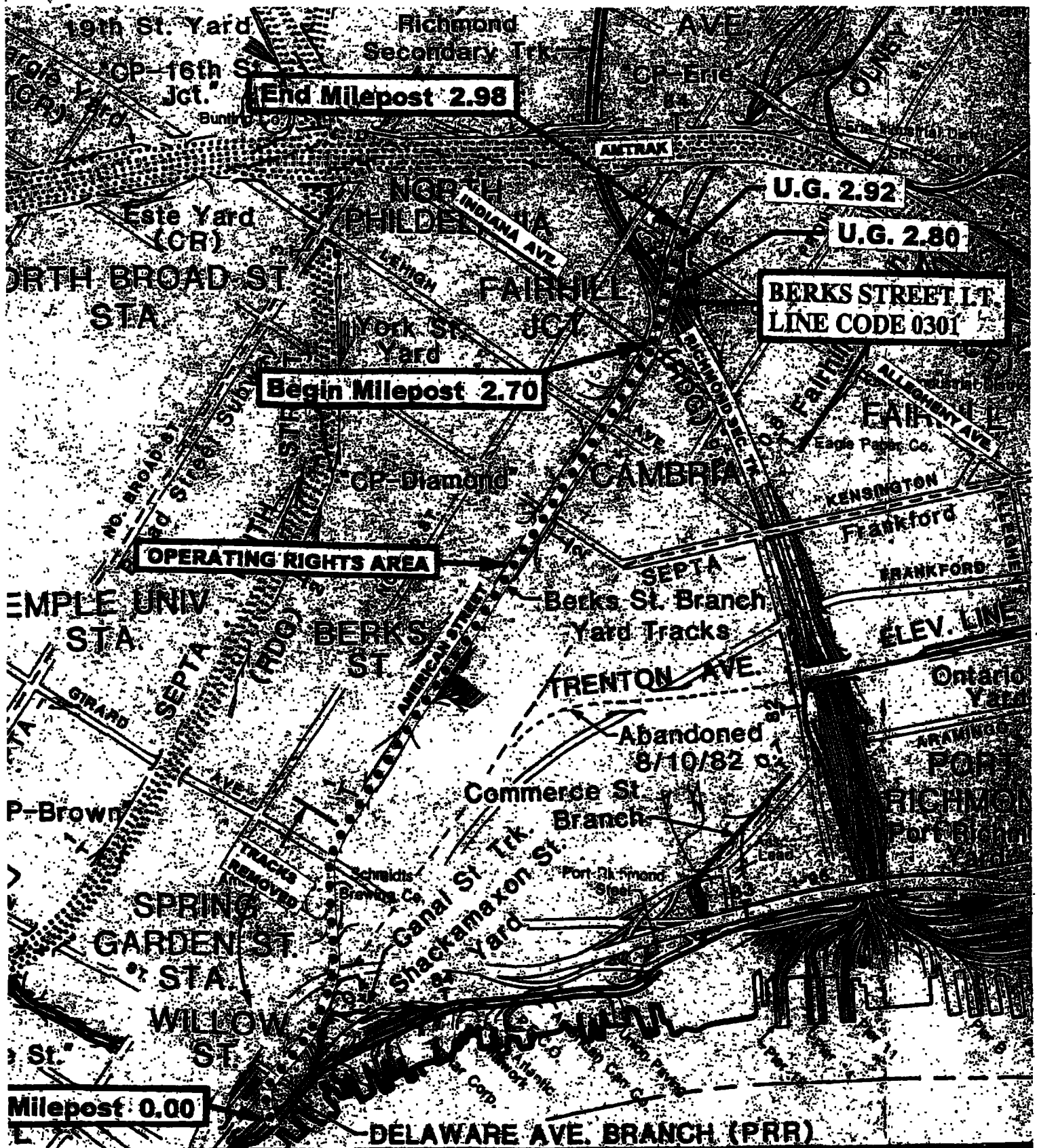
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TRENTON, N.J. BRIDGE

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57'30"

U.S. 130  
TO CITY 66 MI.



# ANTICIPATED LINE ABANDONMENT BERKS STREET I.T.

- Anticipated abandonment
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